

DOGMA :: THE TRINITY

VARIOUS SCRIPTURE

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MESSAGE 2

LAST WEEK • HARD TO TELL MORMONS THEY ARE WRONG IF THEY DON'T BELIEVE IT!

You cannot call yourself a Christian unless you are committed to learning core Christian doctrine.

DOGMA OR DOCTRINE? • DOGMATIC, BUT NOT MEAN • CHANGE ME? WITH THE BIBLE!**REVIEW:**

- ❖ The Bible is the inerrant, authoritative Word of God.

TODAY WE BUILD ON THAT • AN INSURMOUNTABLE BIBLICAL PARADOX**UNIQUE AMONG ALL BELIEF SYSTEMS: TRINITY // VIDEO CLIP // CHARLIE ASKED ME LAST WEEK****STATEMENT ON THE TRINITY**

There is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons who are equal in every divine perfection, and who execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence, and redemption (Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, John 1:1-4, John 8, 1 John 5:7, 1 Peter 1:2).

LCC Statement of Faith**BREAK IT DOWN****THERE IS ONE GOD****QUICK AND DIRTY ARGUMENT FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD: JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD**

- ❖ Jesus claimed to be **God**.
- ❖ Jesus taught that the Bible was **flawless**.
- ❖ Jesus **rose** from the **dead**.

THEREFORE, THERE IS A GOD AND THERE IS A BOOK ABOUT HIM.**ILL: WAITING TABLES IN BAKERS SQUARE // PHONE CALL IN WAL-MART WHEN LAUNCHING LCC****THE OT: GOD IS ONE (BUT IT'S COMPLICATED)**

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers---the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob---has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

Exodus 3:14-15**NO MENTAL CATEGORIES FOR GOD // IDOLS? // MISUSE HIS NAME? // EXPECT MIND-BLOWING!!**

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
(Shema Israel: YHWH elohenu, YHWH echad.)*

Deuteronomy 6:4**ECHAD: IN GENESIS, DAY ONE, WATERS IN ONE PLACE, ADAM AND EVE ONE FLESH**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them.

Isaiah 63:9-10**GOD, YHWH, THE I AM IS ONE AND YET SOMETHING MORE****THE NT: THREE ARE GOD**

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:21-22**DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT**

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

John 8:58

"We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

John 10:33

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money... You have not lied to men but to God."

Acts 5:3-4**THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ARE ALL PERSONAL, DISTINCT, AND ALL GOD!****TRINITY: EMBRACING THE MYSTERY****THE EARLY CHURCH WRESTLED, TERTULLIAN SAID, "ACCEPT BOTH THREE AND ONE": TRINITY****Classical trinitarianism upholds that God is****one essence and three persons.****ONE SUBSTANCE, THREE CENTERS OF CONSCIOUSNESS****TAKE IT HOME**

- ❖ Understand the significance.
TRINITY SUPPORTS THE SUPERNATURAL ORIGIN OF CHRISTIANITY // NOT ONE OTHER BELIEF SYSTEM HAS ANYTHING CLOSE
- ❖ Read the Bible differently.
SEE SON AND SPIRIT AT WORK IN THE OLD TESTAMENT : ANGEL OF THE LORD GENERALLY IN THE NT, GOD REFERS TO THE FATHER, LORD REFERS TO THE SON.
- ❖ Worship differently.
SCREEN: 1 PETER 1:2
- ❖ Pray differently.
PRAY WITH FAITH TO THE FATHER IN THE NAME OF THE SON BY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT JOHN 14:14, 16:15, 23 // ROMANS 8:26-27
- ❖ Live differently.
1 JOHN 2:1-2

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